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	Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.									
2.		☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43 <i>bis</i> .1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.								
3.		□ It has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim because a copy of the priority document was not available to the ISA at the time that the search was conducted (Rule 17.1). This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.								
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With the

1) Cited documents

D1: US-A-3 749 500

2) Novelty

Claim 13:

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 13 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

The document D1 (see Fig. 1 and 17) discloses a machine for checking the position of a mechanical part by means of a laser beam in Y direction, comprising means for moving the part relatively to the laser beam in X and Z directions. The machine has a control unit that can be programmed for controlling the steps of a method according to claim 12.

Claim 13 does not define any apparatus feature that makes its system new against the one dislcosed in D1.

Claims 1-12:

The methods according to claims 1 to 12 are new and inventive.

They allow to check rapidly and reliably the position of a part along one direction, without knowing a priori the position of the part.